

February 7, 2022

Re: Expansion of Demolition Review - Citywide.

Dear Land Marks Commission,

I attended the facilitated meeting January 3rd, 2022 regarding a proposed amendment to the IDO to extend the demolition review process citywide. I support this proposal to extend the demolition review process city wide to preserve existing building structure that are worthy of protection in order to maintain the unique character of Albuquerque. I have grown up in this town since 1966 and have witnessed the destruction of the Alvarado, the Franciscan Hotel, the Poole property, and many other buildings that is still upsetting to many residents who have witnessed these events.

I also support maintaining the existing IDO criteria of 50 years for the age of the structure rather than 60 years. A lot of the building trends during those days had the southwest or ranch style architectural character which was prevalent in New Mexico during that time period. The current building trends today use the same architectural style nationwide and it does not reflect unique or cultural styles that distinguishes Albuquerque and New Mexico from the rest of the nation.

Therefore I offer my support for extending the review process citywide to preserve our unique character and to keep the existing IDO criteria of 50 years, rather than 60 years to preserve our unique structures.

Sincerely,

Rene' Horvath

Serving as Land Use Director for Taylor Ranch NA